


From: Prange, Katy Katy.Prange@legis.wisconsin.gov 
Subject: RE: Records request
Date: November 8, 2019 at 3:34 PM
To: Matthew Kasper kasperm@energyandpolicy.org

Matthew:

Attached to the email are two records related to your request. This is the entirety of the records for Howard Marklein, Vince Williams, Victoria LaBrosse and I.

I consider this request fulfilled.

Katy Prange
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From: Matthew Kasper <kasperm@energyandpolicy.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 07, 2019 4:23 PM
To: Sen.Marklein <Sen.Marklein@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Records request

Dear Senator Marklein,

Under the Wisconsin Open Records Law, §19.31 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to obtain copies of emails of Senator Marklein, Victoria LaBrosse, Katy Prange, Vincent Williams, specifically regarding the Nemadji Trail Energy Center.

The timeframe of this request is limited to October 1, 2019 through October 26, 2019. Search terms that can be used in the search for records are limited to "Nemadji"; "Dairyland".

Please note that this request includes emails sent and received on official state email accounts, as well as any other email accounts, including personal email accounts that have been used for official government business.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes. In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.


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Mail Attachment



Mail Attachment

From: Nathan Franklin Nathan.Franklin@DairylandPower.com 
Subject: Nemadji Trail EC letters of support
Date: October 14, 2019 at 9:41 AM
To: Nathan Franklin Nathan.Franklin@DairylandPower.com
Cc: Brian Rude Brian.Rude@DairylandPower.com, Steve Freese steve@weca.coop, rob@weca.coop

In February, you were visited by members of your local electric cooperative who asked you to write a letter of support for the Nemadji Trail Energy Center (see one pager attached). Your local electric cooperative buys energy from Dairyland Power Cooperative, who is committing to the Nemadji Trail project on their behalf.

You may have already submitted a letter of support to the PSC, which we appreciate. We would ask that you resubmit those letters at this time, as new submittals are now needed to make the comment an official part of the project docket. You can mail the letter (to: PSC, attn: docket 9698-CE-100, North Tower 6th Floor, Hill Farms State Office Building, 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison, WI 53705) or use the link below to submit those comments.

<http://apps.psc.wi.gov/vs2015/ERF/comment/filecomment.aspx?util=9698&case=CE&num=100>

If you have not yet submitted your comments, we ask that you do so at this time. **Comments are due by Friday, Oct. 25.** A sample letter template is attached and you can also mail or use the link above to submit those comments.

The 500,000+ consumers of Dairyland Power in Wisconsin appreciate your support. The Nemadji Trail Energy Center will support renewable power when the sun isn't shining and the wind isn't blowing, allowing Dairyland on behalf of its local electric cooperatives to provide stable and affordable electricity to our consumers and engage in the next wave of investments in renewable energy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Nathan Franklin

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Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
P.O. Box 7854
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854

RE: Docket 9698-CE-100

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express support for the proposed Nemadji Trail Energy Center. This project will be an important generation resource for Dairyland Power Cooperative and Minnesota Power/ALLETE (South Shore Energy, LLC). The project will help support the expansion of renewable energy, reduce dependency on higher emitting facilities, and provide much needed economic investment in Northwest Wisconsin.

A great number of my constituents are members of local electric cooperatives who receive their energy from Dairyland Power Cooperative. Their investment in the Nemadji Trail Energy Center means my constituents will be able to receive ever-increasing amounts of their energy from renewable resources. This is a priority for many of the citizens I serve.

As a member of the Wisconsin State Legislature who represents rural areas, I know the value a project like this will have to the local economies of the northwest corner of our state. Douglas County and the City of Superior are eager to host the Nemadji Trail Energy Center, but the benefits will extend across Wisconsin's local electric cooperatives' service areas and beyond to the entire mid-continent. In addition, I understand the preferred project site is nearly ideal for this type of facility. Nemadji Trail will have much lower emissions than a coal facility and overall will have minimal direct environmental impact. The preferred site is in an existing industrial area and has already passed state scrutiny for a similar project in the early 2000's.

On behalf of the local electric cooperatives' and their members I represent in the Wisconsin State Legislature, I support the Nemadji Trail Energy Center proposed by Dairyland Power Cooperative and Minnesota Power/ALLETE in docket 9698-CE-100 and the corresponding applications for supporting infrastructure. The project will support economic development, allows increasing renewables incorporation into the grid, has an ideal preferred site, and will have minimal direct environmental impacts. Finally, I know the project has had numerous public meetings and outreach events in the Superior area and has received overwhelming support from the community. For all these reasons, I urge you to approve the applications and the project.



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Nemadji Trail Energy Center

- Dairyland Power Cooperative, in partnership w/Minnesota Power, have proposed a 625-megawatt natural gas power plant in Superior, Wis.
- The Nemadji Trail Energy Center will be the largest private venture in the history of Douglas County, investing over one billion dollars in Northwest Wisconsin.
- Douglas County and the City of Superior will share over \$2 million in increased revenue and fees for hosting the facility.
- Nemadji Trail will create 260 family sustaining jobs during peak construction and will support 175 jobs when operational (25 direct; 150+ indirect).

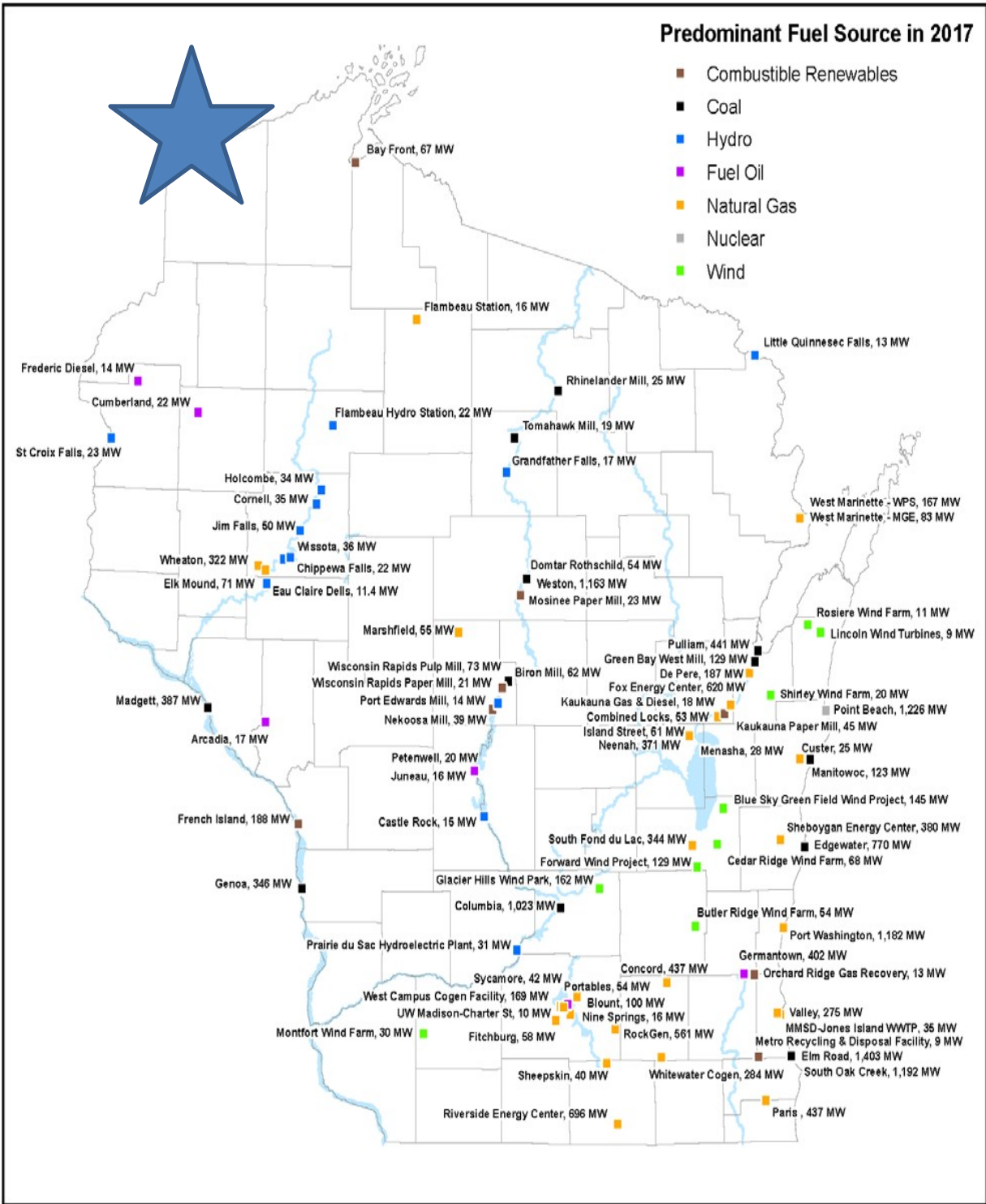
Nemadji Trail Energy Center is key to Minnesota Power and Dairyland Power Cooperative's diversification goals. It will reduce reliance on coal facilities and is critical to increased investment in renewables by providing power when the sun doesn't shine and the wind doesn't blow. Nemadji Trail Energy Center will also provide grid stabilization and economic growth opportunities in Northwest Wisconsin, which has no major power plants (see *map on back*).

Permitting has already begun, with construction slated to begin by 2021. The Nemadji Trail Energy Center should be operational in 2025.

Wisconsin's Electric Cooperatives request you submit comments to the Public Service Commission SUPPORTING the Nemadji Trail Energy Center (Docket number 9698-CE-100).



Map of Electric Generation Facilities in Wisconsin*



*Per Public Service Commission of Wisconsin Strategic Energy Assessment, 2024